

CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE  
MINUTES  
MAY 3, 2006

CONVENED	9:22 a.m.
CONDUCTING	Leissa Roberts
ADJOURNED	10:44 a.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT	Leissa Roberts, CNM Diane Heubusch, CNM Debra Penney, CNM Deborah Flansburg, CNM
MEMBERS ABSENT	Linda Cornaby
DIVISION STAFF	Laura Poe, Bureau Manager J. Craig Jackson, Division Director Penny Vogeler, Board Secretary

**TOPIC OF DISCUSSION**

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Environmental Scan

**DECISION/RECOMMENDATIONS**

Approved as written.

Ms. Poe discussed the Environmental Scan. She stated that two states, Iowa and Utah have passed the APRN Compact, but have not implemented it. The purpose of the compact would be to give the Certified Nurse Midwife the ability to practice in other Compact states without additional licensure.

Briefly discussed the National Council of State Boards of Nursing APRN Vision Paper. The major proposal is to only recognize three APRN roles, those being the NP, CRNA, and CNM.

The Rule change to the Nurse Practice Act to recognize the CNM examination has been adopted. Hence, a CNM with a graduate degree in nursing would be eligible for dual licensure as a CNM and APRN.

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NEW BUSINESS

Open and Publics Meeting Act

Ms. Poe explained to the Board the new Open and Public Meetings Act that was recently passed by the legislature. The main change to DOPL is that all Board meetings are now being recorded.

Review of survey results:

There were 115 surveys mailed out and only 36 responded. See attached sheet for the results. Several survey respondents indicated that the CNMs do not use the same criteria for reimbursements as APRNs. It was suggested by the Board that a billing and coding class be offered. Ms. Huebusch stated it would be helpful to have a four hour class to be conducted by the CNM association addressing billing issues. The feelings of the Board members were that about 50% of their cases are not being reimbursed.

After discussing the survey results and the definition of multi-state practice (including telehealth), Board members indicated that many CNMs do have a multi-state practice and don't realize it. A motion was made by Ms. Roberts and seconded by Ms. Heubusch to reword the survey and have it available at the annual ACNM meeting being held in SLC during the last week of May. All Board members voted in the affirmative.

Steps towards inclusion of CNM's into the APRN Compact.

Ms. Roberts discussed the ACNM national meeting to be held May 20-26. A chapter booth will be set up and they may ask Ms. Poe for her participation. As discussed earlier, a re-worded survey would be available at the meeting and the Utah Chapter of ACNM

would email their membership prior to the meeting, requesting licensees to stop by the booth and complete the new survey. By doing this, the response rate should be greater and no additional mailings would be necessary.

Ms. Poe addressed the Board asking if they were comfortable with her drafting language to add the CNMs into the APRN Compact, and amending the qualifications for licensure in the Nurse Midwife Practice Act. The Board was in favor of drafting the proposed amendments. The turnaround time to draft the proposed language will be the next Board meeting scheduled for the end of June. The currently licensed CNMs would be grandfathered into the APRN Compact and any new CNM would be required to have a graduate degree.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

Board members asked about the progress of writing and adopting Rules for the Licensed Direct-Entry Midwife licensure classification. The proposed Rules are being re-written based on the public comment received, and will be re-filed with another Rule hearing in 60 – 90 days from today's date.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

June 26, 9:00 a.m. in Room 457

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LEISSA ROBERTS, CHAIR

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LAURA POE, BUREAU MANAGER

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